

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Whiting et al.

Group Art Unit: 3692

**Serial No.: 10/645,778**

Examiner: Fields, Benjamin S.

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Docket No. 1483/3

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FACILITATING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN  
COMMERCIAL BANKS AND POOLED DEPOSITOR GROUPS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 21, 2008 for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including September 22, 2008 (September 21, 2008 being a Sunday). A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.